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SENATE BILL

No. 1248

Introduced by Senator Lara
(Coauthor: Senator Wyland)

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An act to amend Section 52074 of the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1248, as amended, Lara. California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

Existing law, on or before July 1, 2014, requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to adopt a local control and accountability plan and requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to update its local control and accountability plan on or before July 1 of each year. Existing law requires of charter schools something similar to a local control and accountability plan.

Existing law establishes the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence for the purpose of advising and assisting school districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan.

This bill would specify additional roles for the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, including providing ongoing recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding how and if school districts, *county offices of education*, and *charter schools* are

making progress in closing the *pupil achievement-gap gaps* in their schools *with respect to specified categories*, providing recommendations as to the best practices being used ~~by school districts~~ to close the achievement-gap relative to pupils who are low income, English learners, or foster youth, and collecting data relevant to monitoring the implementation of the local control funding formula, including local control and accountability plans and pupil achievement data gap, and providing recommendations on the collection and analysis of data that can provide comparisons of local control and accountability plans and pupil achievement data, and comparisons of schools of comparable size, type, and pupil demographics.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 52074 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 52074. (a) The California Collaborative for Educational
4 Excellence is hereby established.
5 (b) The purpose of the California Collaborative for Educational
6 Excellence is to do all of the following:
7 (1) Advise and assist school districts, county superintendents
8 of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in
9 a local control and accountability plan adopted pursuant to this
10 article.
11 (2) Provide ongoing recommendations to the state board
12 regarding how and if school districts, *county offices of education,*
13 *and charter schools* are making progress in closing the *pupil*
14 *achievement-gap gaps* in their schools *identified and measured*
15 *pursuant to paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of subdivision (d)*
16 *of Section 52060, with respect to school districts, paragraphs (4),*
17 *(5), (6), (7), and (8) of subdivision (d) of Section 52066, with*
18 *respect to county offices of education, and similar provisions*
19 *referenced in Section 47606.5, with respect to charter schools,*
20 *respectively.*
21 (3) Provide recommendations *to the state board* as to the best
22 practices being used by school districts, *county offices of education,*
23 *and charter schools* to close the achievement gap relative to pupils
24 ~~who are low income, English learners, or foster youth~~ *pupil*

1 *achievement as measured pursuant to paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7),*
2 *and (8) of subdivision (d) of Section 52060, with respect to school*
3 *districts, paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of subdivision (d)*
4 *of Section 52066, with respect to county offices of education, and*
5 *similar provisions referenced in Section 47606.5, with respect to*
6 *charter schools, respectively.*

7 ~~(4) Collect data relevant to monitoring the implementation of~~
8 ~~the local control funding formula, including local control and~~
9 ~~accountability plans and pupil achievement data. Provide~~
10 ~~recommendations to the state board on the collection and analysis~~
11 ~~of data that can provide comparisons of local control and~~
12 ~~accountability plans and pupil achievement data for school~~
13 ~~districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools,~~
14 ~~and comparisons of schools of comparable size, type, and pupil~~
15 ~~demographics.~~

16 (c) The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the state
17 board, contract with a local educational agency, or consortium of
18 local educational agencies, to serve as the fiscal agent for the
19 California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The
20 Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for the California
21 Collaborative for Educational Excellence to the fiscal agent.

22 (d) The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence
23 shall be governed by a board consisting of the following five
24 members:

- 25 (1) The Superintendent or his or her designee.
- 26 (2) The president of the state board or his or her designee.
- 27 (3) A county superintendent of schools appointed by the Senate
- 28 Committee on Rules.
- 29 (4) A teacher appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.
- 30 (5) A superintendent of a school district appointed by the
- 31 Governor.

32 (e) At the direction of the governing board of the California
33 Collaborative for Educational Excellence, the fiscal agent shall
34 contract with individuals, local educational agencies, or
35 organizations with the expertise, experience, and a record of
36 success to carry out the purposes of this article. The areas of
37 expertise, experience, and record of success shall include, but are
38 not limited to, all of the following:

- 39 (1) State priorities as described in subdivision (d) of Section
- 40 52060.

1 (2) Improving the quality of teaching.

2 (3) Improving the quality of school district and schoolsite
3 leadership.

4 (4) Successfully addressing the needs of special pupil
5 populations, including, but not limited to, English learners, pupils
6 eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal, pupils in foster
7 care, and individuals with exceptional needs.

8 (f) The Superintendent may direct the California Collaborative
9 for Educational Excellence to advise and assist a school district,
10 county superintendent of schools, or charter school in any of the
11 following circumstances:

12 (1) If the governing board of a school district, county board of
13 education, or governing body of a charter school requests the advice
14 and assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational
15 Excellence.

16 (2) If the county superintendent of schools of the county in
17 which the school district or charter school is located determines,
18 following the provision of technical assistance pursuant to Section
19 52071 or 47607.3, as applicable, that the advice and assistance of
20 the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence is
21 necessary to help the school district or charter school accomplish
22 the goals described in the local control and accountability plan
23 adopted pursuant to this article.

24 (3) If the Superintendent determines that the advice and
25 assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational
26 Excellence is necessary to help the school district, county
27 superintendent of schools, or charter school accomplish the goals
28 set forth in the local control and accountability plan adopted
29 pursuant to this article.